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1. The artillery park at Jessen contains, besides 20 mm guns, only guns belonging to the Red Army which have been placed at the disposal of the Volkspolizei. The Soviet units have been equipped with new guns. The guns at Jessen came from Soviet units at Dessau Schmiedeberg and Wittenberg. They are of calibers 37, 55, 75, 88, 105 and 125 mm. There are 62 guns altogether.
2. Guns then at Jessen were distributed in September to the Volkspolizei units in barracks at Luckenwalde, Treuenbrietzen and a unit in Schwerin. The guns now at Jessen are being completely overhauled before they are distributed. The Soviet depot in Schmiedeberg supplies parts for the guns. Such parts, mostly breech mechanism parts, as cannot be supplied, are made by the Köllmannwerk at Leipzig.

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